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Keep the faculty of effort alive in you by a little gratuitous exercise every day.—William James.

## A GOOD START TOWARD SANITATION

Eternal vigilance is the price of cleanliness as much as it is the price of liberty.

An inspection of Honolulu's Oriental quarter this morning by an informally-constituted committee of citizens proved that the board of health in the past year has done some really creditable work, but that a thousand times more remains to be done. The board has made a good start in getting cement floors and sanitary drains laid, in cleaning up court-yards and back-alleys, and in ordering the installation of electric fans in the den-like kitchens of Chinatown.

Where the law is rendered largely futile now is in the inability of the department to keep the Oriental quarter clean even after explicit orders have been issued. The tour of inspection this morning showed a laxness in observing the simplest sanitary precautions that is absolutely incomprehensible to Occidental minds. A week after a hallway, a kitchen or a back-yard has been cleaned up, it is littered as foully and as dangerously as before; and the present system does not seem to have hit the carelessness, the laziness and the indifference hard enough to teach the lesson.

President Pratt of the board of health says that it is preferable to urge the Orientals along the sanitary path little by little, getting the necessary work done in a month or two, rather than to take the fight into the courts on a decision that might require six months of litigation. Moreover, the present policy of the board of health is to wait until restaurant licenses come around for renewal and then hold them up until improvements are made. No licenses are revoked outright, it appears.

Undoubtedly education, continual reiteration of orders and continual prodding will get results, but it is a question also if a few quick arrests, a few licenses revoked after a distinct warning has been disregarded, a few lessons driven home with rude severity and without palaver, would not get more wholesome results in the long run.

It is not more inspectors that are needed; it is inspection by men who will give orders and see that they are obeyed. It is not more authority that is needed, but more respect for the authority already constituted.

Two or three "clean up or shut up" orders backed by the law already given the board of health might help. The community will back up the board. It has done good work in certain sections of Chinatown in the past year.

The community expects good work and a stiff backbone from the men in whose hands the health of its citizens is placed.

## NATIONAL BUSINESS BRIGHTENS

Campaign uncertainties are emphasized by the latest trade letter of Henry Clews & Company, which sums up the situation in a definite way. Clews says:

"Immediate conditions are favorable to the stock market. The crops continue to make satisfactory progress. The activity in iron is still exceptional, and the general prospects for fall and winter trade are highly encouraging. In spite of these stimulating facts the stock market has been inert; partly because we are in the height of the vacation season, partly because of an entire lack of leadership and partly because there still remains a series of uncertainties which may interfere with a complete restoration of confidence. Chief of these is the political outlook. Rightly or wrongly, there is continued hesitation pending the results of the present campaign, which cannot be definitely foreseen at the present time. It would be a mistake to assume that the hostility to capital has disappeared. Though less acute than formerly, it still

remains active and continually shows itself in attempted legislative attacks. There is no certainty that these attacks will not be renewed in the next Congress. Capital continues on the defensive against the demands for higher wages by labor on the one hand, and against the demands for restrictive legislation on the other by the people at large. The certainty of renewed tariff agitation next winter, regardless of which party wins, unsettles many manufacturers and merchants alike. The persistent high cost of living is also a factor which seriously complicates the political situation and should not be overlooked."

After this somewhat disquieting information, however, Clews ends with the statement that "it is quite possible that the stock market will rise to a higher level, especially as some of the big operators are largely interested on that side. Good crops, better trade prospects and the early adjournment of Congress are all favorable to an upward movement, provided aggressive leadership is forthcoming. Congress will probably shortly adjourn, because its members are weary and have little desire to take positive action upon any question of importance until after the elections. All things considered the impediments to increased activity are gradually disappearing."

## FOOLING THE "FARMER VOTE"

The American voter has to stand for a good deal of claptrap and buncombe in his politics, and he is amazingly ready to swallow campaign piffle, but he is not likely to take seriously the bill just agreed upon by the senate committee on privileges and elections, forbidding corporations to contribute anything of value to the campaign for presidential electors, congressmen and state legislators.

There is no question that such a law would be of great good were it enforced. The people are tired of corporations which insist upon their right to buy elections as if it were the divine right of kings. But a law such as this senate committee proposes will not be enforced. It will mask hypocrisy and double-dealing. It will put a premium upon corporate tools and underground wire-pulling. A glance at the makeup of the senate committee ought to show that its members are not sincere if they believe their bill will be passed and enforced in letter and in spirit.

Congress has just been turning up some of the campaign history of 1904 and 1908. Judge Parker and William Jennings Bryan did not scruple to take Tammany's tainted coin, and the source of Roosevelt's huge fund of 1904 didn't seem to worry that tinker at corporate windmills. Charley Hilles will be passing around the hat pretty soon for the Republican campaign just as George Cortelyou and William Loeb, Jr., did in the past, and Loeb did it so successfully that they made him collector of the port of New York.

But it's a good bill in campaign year. It is designed to fool the "farmer vote". The trouble is that it doesn't fool the farmers very long. The time is coming, and coming fast, when the law, if passed, will have to be enforced, or the farmers and the rest of the people will do some tilting themselves, and it will not be at windmills.

Senator Poindexter, of Washington, who held up the Kau ditch bill for several weeks in order to get protests from Hawaii as to the financial terms of the bill, was surprised when not a letter of protest reached him. Poindexter vastly overrates his own importance and his reputation. Probably not a score of people in Hawaii would know who he is if they heard his name, and there was no protest here anyway on the terms of the bill. Poindexter is one of the younger growth of senators, cast into office on a wave of revolt against the "stand-patters" of the northwest. He is fearless and able, but so suspicious that he has depopulated Africa to furnish niggers for Congressional woodpiles.

There are now three expeditions headed for Cocos island to hunt for the supposed hidden treasure. What a safety valve for world-enmity that romantic spot has been, and will continue to be, notwithstanding the results of many former expeditions on the same quest!

Senator Dolliver's definition of Taft as a "large body entirely surrounded by people who know exactly what they want" won't hold any longer. Some of his people haven't any idea what they want now.

Speaking of the warm weather here, the women of the east have adopted half-length hose during the summer months.

If Diogenes should come to Honolulu, they might lend him that new disappearing searchlight at Diamond Head.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ADMIRAL W. H. H. SOUTHERLAND—We are plenty of hot water and work on the China cruise but heard nothing of international politics. WM. BUSH (Kapaeha Improvement Club)—Kapaeha thinks well of Honolulu's rapid transit. So well, in fact, we wish we had an extension of the line there.

LICENSE INSPECTOR FENNELL—As a result of our recent raid I know of 2000 gallons of "Dago Red" that will not be consumed on these islands.

DR. NORGAAARD—Advices from the coast indicate that rabies is spreading and I feel that Hawaii as acted wisely in maintaining a strict quarantine on dogs.

BISHOP RESTARICK—We were pleased to see so many at the Bijou theater last night, as it was so hot that we didn't expect the auditorium would be more than three-quarters full.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R. S. DOUGLAS, CAPTAIN U. S. S. GLACIER—Honolulu is way ahead of any city in the Orient. There are more and pleasanter things to do here, and as to climate, this place is so far ahead of the Far East that there's no comparison.

ARTHUR McDUFFIE—The women had a little registration booth in San Francisco across the street from the St. Francis hotel, where they were grabbing every woman on the street and getting her to sign her name. But a lot of them wouldn't do it when they found that they had to tell their age.

PAYMASTER BEECHER, U. S. S. CALIFORNIA—Honolulu looks pretty good to the officers of the fleet who made so many pleasant friendships here last Spring. I wish you'd ordered a little cooler weather for us though. We had about all the heat we cared for in Manila, where it was the hottest season remembered in thirty years.

## LOCAL Y. M. C. A. WILL ORGANIZE HEALTH LEAGUE

In unison with three hundred other branches of the Young Men's Christian Association, the local organization is going to organize a Health League under the supervision of the new physical director, F. W. Lau, and expects that, with the aid of local physicians and other authorities on health and hygiene, it will raise the standard of personal, social, and municipal health, well-being, throughout the city.

In accomplishing this object, Secretary Super expects to use the aid of lectures and stereopticons and will see that special stress is laid upon the relation of health to efficiency, the care of the mouth and teeth, common diseases, preventative measures, and first aid to the injured.

A series of lectures upon hygiene in all its branches, will be given under the direction of Physical Director Lau, who has been especially trained for this kind of work, and the general secretary expects that the bodily welfare of those attending the lectures will be bettered in every way.

## TUBERCULOSIS AMONG CATTLE

Dr. Victor S. Norgaard, Territorial veterinarian, in his report for June to President W. M. Giffard of the board of agriculture and forestry, says of tuberculosis control work:

"A comparatively small number of cattle have been tested during the month, the prolonged drought having made it impossible to finish this important undertaking. There still remain about 2000 head of cattle, of range stock, to be tested and with the coming of the rainy season, which promises an unusually early crop, it is expected that the remaining herds can be gathered and tested. In the meantime all reacting animals have been removed from the dairy herds and the milk supply of the city can safely be pronounced free from tuberculosis infection."

In his report for July Dr. Norgaard says: "As will be seen from the appended report of my assistant, several hundred head of cattle have been tested during the past month and all reacting animals have been branded and removed from the herds where found."

## PERSONALITIES

H. E. WILLIAMS is a new wireless operator installed in the Oceanic liner Ventura, who is making his first visit to Honolulu.

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON will leave for the mainland on the Manchuria on Wednesday and expects to be away for three months.

D. G. May, auditor for C. Brewer & Company who has been away on business and pleasure returned from the coast as a passenger in the liner Ventura this morning.

A. G. BEAMAN, with the auditing department of the Atchafalaya Topeka and Santa Fe Railway at Los Angeles is a visitor to Honolulu as a passenger in the Oceanic liner Ventura.

MRS. JAMES SCOTT, of the Shanghai Rifle Club, took part in the annual rifle contest for the British Empire at Bisley, England, this year. She is the wife of James Scott, formerly chief engineer at Makawili.

W. B. FOSTER, of Denver, Colo., was numbered among the passengers in the Oceanic liner Ventura this morning. Mr. Foster comes here to visit with Shipping Manager Gilmore of C. Brewer & Company and may later decide to locate in the islands.

R. W. BRECKONS will return tomorrow from his week-end holiday with his family at Hilo.

A. L. C. ATKINSON, delegate from the Hawaiian Islands to the convention of the National Progressive party, as Roosevelt's third party has been officially christened, to take place at Chicago next month, arrived in the city yesterday from Honolulu on the Pacific Mail Company's liner Siberia. He attended the recent convention of the Republican party at which President Taft was renominated, and, on his return to the islands, when a branch of the third party was organized there, accepted the post of delegate to the Roosevelt convention.

"The National Progressive party is organized in three of the islands in the Hawaiian group," he said yesterday.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## GLANDERS HERE AGAIN

In his report for July to the Board of Agriculture, Dr. Victor S. Norgaard, Territorial veterinarian, says under the subhead of glanders:

This disease has unfortunately made its appearance again, and under most annoying circumstances. At the request of the sheriff, a horse which had been found wandering in the streets until placed in the Kalihi pound was examined and was found to be suffering from typical glanders. Though the sheriff detailed two officers to try to locate the owner, they did not succeed, and the horse was shot. As the animal was suffering from a profuse discharge from the nose, it is to be feared that other animals may have become infected, but so long as the owner, who undoubtedly was aware of the animal's condition, could not be found, no further measures could be taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

New Disease Appears. "A hitherto unknown disease has made its appearance in several local stables, a total of four cases having come under observation, one of which has died. The disease resembles tetanus or lockjaw to a certain extent, and may possibly prove to be a toxemia, due to intestinal parasites. Unfortunately no opportunity to make a post mortem examination has presented itself, the one fatal case not being reported in time for this purpose."

## HELPING THE DUKE FUND.

The papers in Honolulu are making an effort to raise enough money by popular subscription in order that Duke Kahanamoku may have some lasting testimonial of the appreciation of his admirers here in Hawaii. The inception of the movement originated over in Hana and it is only fitting that Maui should keep up the good work started.

The Maui News wishes to cooperate in this movement, and we have started a fund here. Subscriptions, large or small, will be gladly received either at this office or at the First National Bank. The Fernandez Moving Picture Company has started the fund here with a donation of \$10, and we hope to see the fund swelled by others who admire clean sport and who realize the great good Kahanamoku has done the islands as a promotion asset.

Kaaf's orchestra proposes giving a concert and dance Saturday evening, August 17th, and the entire proceeds will go to this fund. The concert will be held in connection with the show at the Orpheum, and the dance later will be at the Town Hall. — Maui News.

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